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Letter to Philander Chase

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The Subdean of Exeter is a brother of the Bishop
 of Salisbury & a friend of ours. So is the Rector, our friend.
 and all the Rectors, a numerous family & one of the
 chief families of that country, & the family of the
 Nutcombs. Should you visit Dawlish, we have several
 friends there. Mr Hoare's family are the principal.
 And when you are there I wish you would call on
 Miss Rountledge. She is a great Invalid, & excellent
 & a clever woman, a sister of Mrs. Majendie the
 Bishop of Bangor's lady, & a very old friend of ours.
 Mary Ohio has written her a full account of her
 Bishop. I wish you saw her letters to her friends on
 this subject. The Bowdells at Bath are my very
 old friends, *cum multis aliis*.

I hope the B. Critic will have the honesty to incur
 Mr. Wheaton's reputation in his next Review. It is very
 important that the antidote to the poison should
 follow as speedily as possible. I have got Dehor's
 Sermons. That on the Liturgy is incomparable, so is the
 Sermon on the Episcopal Society, which is strictly appli-
 cable to your object. The inscription on his tomb would suit
 one of the twelve Apostles. I am very curious to know more
 particularly the constitution of your Church, & to see your
 Common prayer book, which, I think you said, has some

additional prayers. What is become of Bishop Hobart? I hope there is nothing unpleasant likely to take place in your absence which hastens your departure for America. Your political constitution hold your provinces together in wonderful union. What a disgrace would it be to the Episcopal Church, if her constitution could not keep her together in still stricter union. If you are united, heart, hand, & worldly substance, in one holy bond of truth, peace, faith & charity, I am well persuaded, your Church will gradually & rapidly increase in numerical & spiritual strength, & spread itself over that great Quarter of the globe; but if you ^{comparatively} break into factions, you will fall back, & lose even the little ground you have gained. If every Bishop will merit the same Inscription on his tomb, which is on the Marble that covers the grave of the good Bishop Doane, there never can be any schism in the American Episcopal Church.

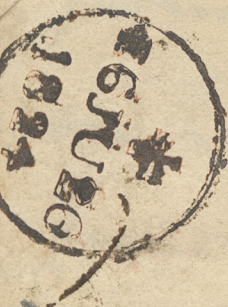
Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee that the course of this world may be so peace^{ably} ordered by thy governance that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord - Amen —

Again, farewell! The God of peace be
with you, prays your faithful friend W. H.

I would enclose this to the Bishop of Salisbury
but it might be delayed, & not so safe, & I am
anxious that your kind letter should have the
speediest acknowledgment —

Will you have the kindness the next time
you are favoured by a letter, to correct the sentence
which my Mary enclosed, which must be erroneously
transcribed from your Mss. —

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